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Applicant:
Rattlesnake Island Club

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Buffalo District CELRB-CO-R RE: 2000-00615(0) Section: OH 10 and 404

**Application for Permit under Authority of
Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and
Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).**

Mr. Victor Arsena, on behalf of the Rattlesnake Island Club, 17710 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio 44107, has applied for a Department of the Army permit to work and place fill in Lake Erie. The proposed project involves an expansion of the existing South Marina located at the Rattlesnake Island Club on Rattlesnake Island, Put-in-Bay Township, Ottawa County, Ohio.

The proposed project consists of the following:

a. Excavation of approximately 11,800 cubic yards of limestone bedrock material using blasting techniques. 6,100 cubic yards of material will be removed from below the Ordinary High Water mark (OHW) 573.4 feet International Great Lakes Datum (IGLD) 1985. The excavated limestone bedrock will be used in the construction of the revetment and breakwater extensions. In addition to removing bedrock from the marina basin, silt material will be dredged from the existing basin to an elevation of 562.5 feet IGLD 1985. Approximately 1,200 cubic yards of material will be dredged and placed in an upland area located on the property near the construction site.

b. Construct a 475 linear foot armor stone revetment along the shoreline east and west of the marina entrance, extend the existing breakwater an additional 25 feet and place stone along the interior slope of the marina basin. Approximately 970 cubic yards of 3-5 ton armor stone (for the revetment and breakwater extension), 280 cubic yards of quarry run stone (for the breakwater extension), 200 cubic yards of ODOT 601 "b" stone (for the revetment), and 50 cubic yards of 4-8 inch stone (for the interior slope of the marina) will be placed below OHW 573.4 feet IGLD.

c. Relocate six existing floating docks to the south side of the marina basin, install a new floating dock 310 feet long and 6 feet wide parallel to the north shore of the marina basin with three new aluminum access ramps, and install 28 new pipe piles to create new boat slips. A total of 30 boat slips will be created as a result of this expansion.

Approximately 7,000 square feet of lake bottom will be filled as a result of the construction for the new breakwater extension and revetments and approximately 15,000 square feet of new lake bottom will result from the excavation/expansion of the marina basin.

Location and details of the above described work are shown on the attached maps and drawings.

Questions pertaining to the work described in this notice should be directed to Paul F. Wetzel, who can be contacted by calling (419) 353-6307, or by e-mail at: Paul.F.Wetzel@usace.army.mil

The applicant has certified that the proposed activity complies with Ohio's approved Coastal Zone Management Program and will be conducted in a manner consistent with that program. Any comments on the consistency of the proposed activity with Ohio's Coastal Zone Management Program should be forwarded to:

Mr. Don Povolny or Ms. Kim Baker
Ohio Department of Natural Resources
Division of Real Estate and Land Management
Resource Management Section
1952 Belcher Drive, Building C-4
Columbus, Ohio 43224-1386
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The following authorization(s) may be required for this project:

Water Quality Certification (or waiver thereof) from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

There are no registered historic properties or properties listed as being eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places that will be affected by this project.

In addition, available evidence indicates that the proposed work will not affect a species proposed or designated by the U.S. Department of the Interior as threatened or endangered, nor will it affect the critical habitat of any such species.

This notice is promulgated in accordance with Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations, parts 320-330. Any interested party desiring to comment on the work described herein may do so by submitting their comments, in writing, so that they are received no later than 4:30 pm on the expiration date of this notice.

Comments should be sent to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1616 East Wooster Street, Unit R-1-E, Box O, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402-3456, and should be marked to the attention of Paul F. Wetzel, or by e-mail at: Paul.F.Wetzel@usace.army.mil. A lack of response will be interpreted as meaning that there is no objection to the work as proposed.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be fully considered during the public interest review for this permit application. All written comments will be made a part of the administrative record. Due to resource limitations, this office will normally not acknowledge the receipt of comments or respond to individual letters of comment.

Any individual may request a public hearing by submitting their written request, stating the specific reasons for holding a hearing, in the same manner and time period as other comments.

Public hearings for the purposes of the Corps permit program will be held when the District Commander determines he can obtain additional information, not available in written comments, that will aid him in the decision making process for this application. A Corps hearing is not a source of information for the general public, nor a forum for the resolution of issues or conflicting points of view (witnesses are not sworn and cross examination is prohibited). Hearings will not be

held to obtain information on issues unrelated to the work requiring a permit, such as property ownership, neighbor disputes, or the behavior or actions of the public or applicant on upland property not regulated by the Department of the Army. Information obtained from a public hearing is given no greater weight than that obtained from written comments. Therefore, you should not fail to make timely written comments because a hearing might be held.

The decision to approve or deny this permit request will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact, including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among these are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

Paul G. Leuchner
Chief, Regulatory Branch

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